

### COME-BACK OF OIL FIELD HERE ATTRACTS UNUSUAL ATTENTION

So sustained has been the recent new production in the local field and so promising the outlook for the territory, papers devoted to the oil industry have been giving news of local operations prominent display during the past few weeks. The following survey of conditions here was published in the California Oil World: "With a daily average production of 48,000 barrels (now 60,000), Torrance not only topped all previous production averages but set a fast pace which is going to keep operators busy if it is to be maintained. An increase of 12,000 daily—8000 last week and 4000 the previous week—is the most encouraging development in this field since late last fall, when during one week the field achieved a record of 14,000 daily, the peak average until the present record was established. "Careful analysis of recent permits granted by the state mining bureau for new wells shows the majority of them for the larger companies who hold the bulk of the acreage.



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"While this does not necessarily indicate an abatement of drilling by the smaller operators, it is regarded as a hopeful sign that the hegebra of close-drilling has abated and henceforth the wells placed on production should come in with an average of 1000 barrels daily.

#### Close Drilling

"Despite the warning from the three major fields, the urging for co-operation among operators with respect to the official warning to husband the field's resources as to natural gas, as well as crude, as an economic necessity, no more intensively drilled area can be found in the southland—aside from Santa Fe Springs—than that surrounding the Midway Northern No. 1 well, discovery well of the south area.

"The close drilling quickly resulted in depleted gas zones, apparently long before the oil sands were exhausted. Haste made waste, water entered the sands, and the peculiar conditions encountered in this field, all have combined to wreak havoc in what under normal conditions should have proved an area good for thousand-barrel production for many months.

#### Result of Policy

"Swinging into hitherto untouched sections both to the southwest and to the southeast of what may be termed the field extensions, the larger companies once more have demonstrated the wisdom of wider spacing, allowing more acreage per well with very satisfactory results.

"Standard Oil, which brought in a 1600-barrel producer to the southwest a couple of weeks ago, was the first to start the ball rolling toward higher averages. Since then the Shell, Superior Oil, S. Royalties, E. J. Miley—each has brought in wells good for 1000 barrels or better. The gravity is higher and prospects seem good for a fairly good flow for some months. How long, no one can predict. At least they are standing up better than those brought in where the close-drilling prevailed, for the gas pressure holds up much longer.

#### Peculiarities

"No field in the state has offered as many serious problems and handicaps as Torrance—and it is doubtful if any has proved more expensive, taken as a whole. Because the gas zone showed depletion much earlier than any of the other big fields in the south there was a great rush to recover the flush output, as at Santa Fe Springs when that field showed signs of diminished yield. "Field experts stress the fact that much of the loss sustained here has been due to the shifting sands, as well as inability to determine the extent of the oil sands.

"Last week offered an excellent example of this. Shell Co. completed its March 1-A at 3904 feet—and secured a water-tight job, with an initial flow of 1000 barrels. E. J. Miley, drilling in close proximity to the March lease, drilled one foot deeper and penetrated a water sand which forced a re-cement job after the well had come in good for a thousand barrels. Condition Frequent

"In no other field in Los Angeles basin has this condition been encountered so frequently as in Torrance, and it is because of this inability to determine just how deep to carry the hole that much of the loss and delay has arisen.

"While the saner method of wider spacing between wells will prove an aid to the field, it will not benefit the smaller companies, which have been the heaviest losers. They have hung on for months now, in the doubtful hope of some one securing a deeper sand, thus offering an excuse for further expenditure of money.

"In other fields the deep sand not only has proved the most prolific but of a greater consistency of depth. All the experts are agreed no real test of the central area of the field has been made as to depth, and until this is done there will be the vain hope that such a sand eventually will be found. If it is it will prove a lifesaver to the one- and two-well companies, providing they can stand the financial strain."

### Moose Program for Friday Is Arranged

Torrance lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, at the last meeting on April 4 made arrangements for a smoker, card party and feed that will be held in lodge rooms on Friday, April 11. G. San Toro will have charge of the music, and G. Anderson will be at the head of the refreshment committee. Prizes will be given to the card players, and a Hendrie tire will be given to the best-looking Moose present. There were 61 applications acted on and passed, and the next class initiation will have at least 80 candidates to take the degree.

Geo. Morgan has been made captain of the Moose baseball team, and has already started practice.

A Moose orchestra is being formed, with G. San Toro as director.

The open charter will close on April 30, and the initiation fee will be \$25 after that date.

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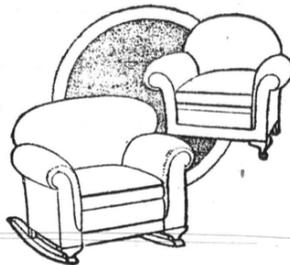
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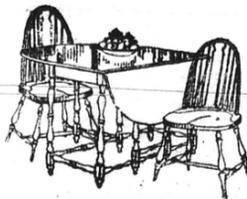
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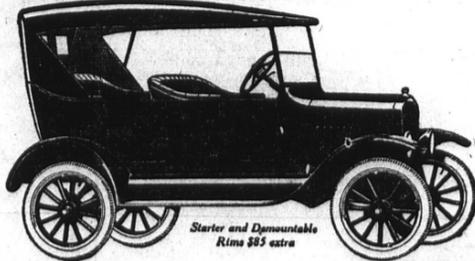
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